

## MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN – LE CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTRÉAL

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## President's Message

It was wonderful to see so many of you come out at the first MCW meeting to listen to the very inspiring story of 19-year-old Hannah Taylor, founder of the Ladybug Foundation for the homeless, and also one of the 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada! This was the first presentation in our theme for the year of "Violence against Women".

The UN Sustainable Development Summit 2015 will take place from September 25-27, 2015 in New York. The General Assembly will meet to adopt the post 2015 development agenda: Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Please visit the United Nations website <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/summit> to view the draft outcome document and other related documents.

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives published a report in July 2015 entitled "The Best and Worst Places to be a Woman in Canada 2015: The Gender Gap in Canada's Biggest Cities". Quebec's three big cities all placed in the top ten with Gatineau in the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot, Quebec City as the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Montreal in the 9<sup>th</sup> position. The rankings are based on how men and women fared in the five areas of economic security, leadership, health, personal security and education. The province of Quebec has a number of policies in place in areas of subsidized child care, generous parental leave benefits and paternity leave, all of which impact access to work and better pay for women. The complete document can be accessed at <https://www.policyalternatives.ca/publications/reports/best-and-worst-places-be-woman-canada-2015>

This year as MCW looks to honour a Woman of the Year who has made an outstanding contribution towards Prevention of Violence against Women, please nominate a woman who has made just such a difference in the lives of women. The criteria and application form can be found on the MCW website: [www.montrealcouncilwomen.org](http://www.montrealcouncilwomen.org) and copies are available at the meetings. The next meeting will be a Round Table Discussion Focusing on Women's Issues with women candidates for the upcoming election. We hope to see many of you at this informative meeting and, most importantly, MCW encourages you to exercise your franchise and VOTE! See you on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October! - [Dr. Chitra Chopra](#)

**MCW WOMAN OF THE YEAR (WOTY) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015, HILTON GARDEN INN, MONTREAL**

### MCW OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> ROUND TABLE MEETING Panel Discussion

There will be a panel discussion for our October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Three candidates who will be running in the up-coming Federal elections will be participating in this round table discussion. They are **Daniela Chivu** for the Conservative Party, **Alexandra Mendès** for the Liberal Party and **Anne Lagacé Dowson** for the NDP. The Honourable **Eleni Bakopanos** will serve as moderator.

Everyone is welcome to come and participate in this lively afternoon conversation. Registration is required at [MCWmembers@gmail.com](mailto:MCWmembers@gmail.com) or by contacting Frances Gregory (514) 935-1674 or e-mail: [frances.gregory@videotron.ca](mailto:frances.gregory@videotron.ca).

### MCW OCTOBER LUNCHEON

The luncheon for the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be served at 12 noon at the cost of \$10:00 per person, payable at the door. Please advise Frances Gregory (514) 935-1674 or e-mail: [frances.gregory@videotron.ca](mailto:frances.gregory@videotron.ca) if you plan to attend.

Address: 2700 Rufus Rockhead Montreal  
(Off the Atwater Market)

The Hostess group is looking for federate groups who can provide a lunch at one of our meetings. The group will have the opportunity to give a brief presentation on their group's activities at the meeting.



### 2015 - WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The 2015 Woman of the Year is a woman who has made an outstanding contribution towards the prevention of violence against women.

The yearly award luncheon honouring the Woman of the Year will take place on Friday, December 4, 2015, at noon at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Montreal.

**Deadline for submissions: October 30, 2015**

Tickets \$50, now on sale from MCW Board Members or contact C. Chopra: Email: [MCWinformation@gmail.com](mailto:MCWinformation@gmail.com)

### **MS HANNAH TAYLOR A VERY INSPIRING YOUNG WOMAN**

The opening meeting of the Montreal Council of Women of the 2015/2016 season took place on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Les Jardins du Canal, 2700 Rufus Rockhead.

Attendees were treated to an outstanding presentation by 19- year- old McGill student, Hannah Taylor. Born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Hannah experienced a profound awakening for a 5- year- old when she passed a homeless person eating out of a garbage dumpster. Her 5-year- old heart was both confused and sad. Her parents tried to console her and her 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher was sympathetic to the child's sadness. She organized a lunch at school to raise funds and that was the start of Hannah's Vision.

By the time she was 8 years old, Hannah's vision led to the Ladybug Foundation, a registered charity to raise funds and awareness for the homeless and hungry. "Everyone should have a place to sleep at night." To date, over 4.2 million dollars have been raised and Hannah has travelled across North America and parts of Europe also going to parts of Africa, speaking and raising awareness for the homeless. She has many different initiatives including the Education Program to raise awareness in children.

Hannah is passionate and hopeful about her mission. She was named one of the most influential 100 people in Canada and she's all of 19 years old. "Caring gives hope and when you have hope in your heart anything is possible". Her message to MCW was "become a reason for others to be hopeful. Share a little of what you have". Her website can be viewed at [www.ladybugfoundation.ca](http://www.ladybugfoundation.ca) - Marilyn Berger

### **IN MEMORIAM**

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the families and friends for the recent loss of the following MCW members:

Lorin Besel - MCW Woman of the year in 1998 for exception work as a nurse and educator. She was Vice President of Nursing at the Royal Victoria Hospital for 25 years. A celebration of her life will be held on September 2015 from 4 to 6 pm in the atrium of the Research Institute MUHC Glen Site.

Audrey Hunter Porter was active with the MCW in the 80s. She was particularly interested in public health and civic issues and served on the MCW Board of Directors ending up as President in

Pam Rene – was an active member of Beta Sigma Phi. She served on the MCW board of Directors and worked with the woman of the Year Committee for several years.

– F. Gregory

## MCW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please note that membership renewal was due in May and we thank you if you have already completed and submitted your renewal information. If you have not yet renewed, please send completed form and check to:

Montreal Council of Women  
P.O. Box 72117  
151 Atwater Ave.  
Montreal, QC H3J 2Z6

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Individual Member - \$35.00  
Federate Member -  
1 - 99 Members \$40.00  
Federate Member -  
Over 100 Members \$50.00  
Patron Member - \$60.00

The renewal form can be found at the end of this newsletter.  
Thank you.

MCW Membership  
Montreal Council of Women  
[mcwmembers@gmail.com](mailto:mcwmembers@gmail.com)

### MCW Article and Announcement Submissions

The next issue of The Bulletin will be in November. Please submit your articles, announcements and photos by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October via email to:  
[mcwbulletineditor@gmail.com](mailto:mcwbulletineditor@gmail.com)

Please note our new bulletin email address.

## UPCOMING MCW PROGRAMS

November Meeting

**DR. Shaheen Shariff** will speak at the November meeting on "Rape Culture at Universities".

Following month's programs will be published as they become available.

## WOMEN'S ART SOCIETY

**Tues. Sept. 29:** The Women's Art Society presents Watercolor Artist, Shari Blaukopf, "Urban Sketching in Montreal".

McCord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke West.

1:30 - 3:30pm. Guests: Free

[www.womensartsociety.com](http://www.womensartsociety.com)

**Tues. Oct. 6:** The Women's Art Society presents its Annual Meet & Greet for members and friends from 11:30 am to 3 pm at 2700 Rufus Rockhead, beside the Atwater Market. \$5 Light lunch included. Bring an easel and display and sell your artwork. [www.womensartsociety.com](http://www.womensartsociety.com)

**Tues. Oct. 13:** The Women's Art Society presents Multi-disciplinary Artist, Sandra Wong, "Come Dance with Me - music & folk dances of Bali".

McCord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke W.

1:30 - 2:30 pm.

Guests : \$10 [www.womensartsociety.com](http://www.womensartsociety.com)

**Tues. Oct. 27:** The Women's Art Society presents Art Historian, Dr. Mary Hunter, "Toulouse Lautrec's brothel images - under the covers".

McCord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke W.

1:30 - 2:30 pm. Guests: Free

[www.womensartsociety.com](http://www.womensartsociety.com)



## SENIORS ACTION QUEBEC

### FRIENDLY REMINDER...TIME TO ACT NATIONAL SENIORS DAY CELEBRATION & FUND RAISING CONCERT

Time is moving along quickly and if you forgot to get your tickets I would not put it off any longer!

Seniors Action Quebec has set up PayPal on our website to make things fast and simple for you. [www.seniorsactionquebec.ca](http://www.seniorsactionquebec.ca)

Or we have pick up spots in N.D.G. and in downtown to make it easier and avoid line ups. Make your cheque out to Seniors Action Quebec and on the memo line put: Concert Ticket(s)

**Date:** Sunday, September 27, 2015

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Location:** Oscar Peterson Concert Hall

**Address:** 7141 Sherbrooke Street West,  
Montreal  
Bus #105

**Contact:** Ruth Pelletier at  
[ruthpelletier613@gmail.com](mailto:ruthpelletier613@gmail.com) for any additional information.

[www.seniorsactionquebec.ca](http://www.seniorsactionquebec.ca)

### ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

1101 Stanley Street  
Montreal.....facing Windsor Station and by  
Bell Centre

Phone: [514-866-7113](tel:514-866-7113)

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE & LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>  
(same day as Santa Parade)

Sale is open from 11h00 – 15h00... full lunch is served from 11h30 – 14h30 \$12.00 per person

Come and visit our Home Baking table, stocked with wonderful items... our Christmas pudding table has authentic puddings....see what we have on the Christmas Craft table ....and more.

For your further browsing and shopping pleasure, you will find our Boutique open with lots of quality items to be found.

Come and welcome Santa then drop in to shop and enjoy a full turkey lunch...

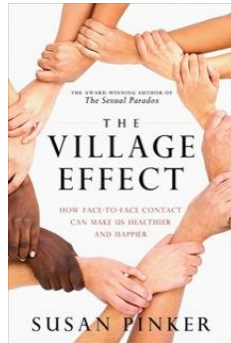
Revenue from this event goes to charities and missions in the Montreal area...please come and help us so that we might help others.

Sylvia White, Guild President



Presents

## “Susan Pinker”



Developmental Psychologist and Author  
of “The Village Effect”

(Hear straight from the author how “face to face”  
contact leads to a happier life.)

**Date:** **October 20, 2015**

**Place:** **E.M.S.B**  
**6000 Fielding Avenue**  
**Montreal H3X 1T4**

**Time:** **5:30 – 6: 30 light supper**

**McVicar Dining Room 4<sup>th</sup> floor**

**COST:** **Members: 15.00\$**

**Non-members: 20.00\$**

**Author:** **7:00 p.m. - Lawrence Patterson Room**  
*(No food nor drink permitted.)*

**R.S.V.P:** **Erika Sebaldt:**

**erika.sebaldt@bell.net** or **514-489-2760**

or **Rena Entus:** **renaentus@bell.net**

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**www.gammaque.weebly.com**



Presents

## “A Panel Discussion” Featuring Principals Discussing the issue of

“SUPPORTING **EARLY CAREER TEACHERS**”



- what are **the issues**?
- why some **don't remain** in the classroom?
- what will **keep them** in the classroom?
- what will make them **feel supported**?
- what can we do?**

**Date:** **November 23, 2015**

**Place:** **E.M.S.B**  
**6000 Fielding Avenue**  
**Montreal H3X 1T4**

**Time:** **5:30 – 6: 30 light supper**

**MacVicar Dining Room 4<sup>th</sup> floor**

**7:00 p.m. Speaker**

**COST:** **DKG members: 15.00\$**

**Non-members: 20.00\$**

**R.S.V.P:** **Erika Sebaldt –**

**erika.sebaldt@bell.net** or **514-489-2760**

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### Members & Guests

\*\*\* Don't forget to bring your items for the **Ditty Bags**\*\*\*  
(We provide a women's shelter with toiletries and small  
unused appropriate items at this time every year. If you  
travel and collect shampoos, rinses etc.)

**MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN / LE CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTREAL  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**



**PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:**       **INDIVIDUAL**                       **FEDERATE**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED: INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OR FEDERATE PRESIDENT AND REPRESENTATIVES**

Name of Applicant:  
*(President's Name if Federate)*

Name of Federate: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL (FEDERATE):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ANNUAL FEES**

**INDIVIDUAL**       Member      \$35.00       Patron Member      \$60.00

**FEDERATE**       1- 99 Members      \$40.00       100 + over Members      \$50.00

**PAYMENT**

Please make your cheque payable to: **Montreal Council of Women**

**RETURN ADDRESS**

Please return the completed form with your cheque to the Membership Secretary.

**Marilyn Berger**  
**Membership Chair**

P.O. Box 72117, 151 Atwater Ave.

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